

December 1, 2017

Parent or Guardian of a Student at
Wilma Rudolph Elementary Learning Center
110 North Paulina Street

Parent or Guardian of a Student at
Hope Institute Learning Academy
1628 W Washington Boulevard

Re: Proposed Co-location of Rudolph Elementary Learning Center and Hope Institute Learning Academy

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is committed to providing every child from every community with a high quality education that prepares them for success in college and in life. CPS students continue to make record-breaking academic progress in every part of the city. Our vision is that all CPS schools can build on this progress by offering high quality, rigorous instruction from talented educators that help put Chicago students on a path to lasting success.

To provide the students of Rudolph Elementary Learning Center, located at 110 North Paulina Street, with an improved and enhanced learning environment, I am proposing the co-location of Rudolph Elementary Learning Center with Hope Institute Learning Academy, located at 1628 W. Washington Boulevard.

This proposal is consistent with the Chief Executive Officer's Guidelines for School Actions (Guidelines) for consolidations because it is a proposal formally requested by several members of the Rudolph school community. Specifically, we have heard the request for this proposal from the Principal, Local School Council (LSC) Chair and other staff and community members at Rudolph. The resulting space utilization data after the consolidation will not exceed the facility's enrollment efficiency range, as defined by the CPS' Space Utilization Standards. Additionally, the students impacted by this proposed consolidation are being provided with an ADA accessible building.

If this proposal is approved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago (Board), CPS will co-locate Rudolph Elementary Learning Center with Hope Institute Learning Academy.

If you would like more detail about the proposed consolidation, please refer to the Draft Transition Plan that is included with this letter.

As a next step, CPS will hold two community meetings and one public hearing to hear further feedback on CPS' proposal (meeting information is below). Following the meetings and hearing, the Board of Education may vote on this proposal as early as February of 2018.



Public Comment on this Proposal

I invite you to share your feedback on the proposed co-location for Rudolph and Hope during the following two community meetings and one public hearing outlined below:

Community Meeting 1

January 10, 2018
6 to 8 p.m.
Hope Institute Learning Academy
1628 W Washington Boulevard

Community Meeting 2

January 17, 2018
6 to 8 p.m.
Hope Institute Learning Academy
1628 W Washington Boulevard

Public Hearing

January 29, 2018
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
CPS Central Office
42 West Madison Street

If you wish to comment at the community meetings or hearing, please adhere to the following procedures. You must sign up to speak on the day of, at the designated location, beginning one hour before the designated start time and ending 30 minutes after the start of the meeting or hearing. You will have two minutes to speak, unless the hearing officer or meeting organizer provides an extension. The hearing will conclude at the stated end time or following the comments of the last person who has signed up to speak, whichever occurs first.

Thank you in advance for your feedback as we work to provide all Chicago Public School students with the high quality education they deserve. After the community meetings and public hearing, I will review a written report from the hearing officer and at that time, I may recommend that the Board consider and approve the co-location of Rudolph and Hope.

Further questions and concerns

All of this information can be found at CPS.edu/Transitions. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal and the Draft Transition Plan, please email transitions@cps.edu or call Chicago Public Schools at (773) 553-1500.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Public Schools